

Bluffton Police Department



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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **TRAFFIC COLLISION ON OKATIE HWY**

On April 20, 2011 at approximately 9:02 pm the Bluffton Police Department responded to a single vehicle traffic collision on Okatie Hwy between the SC 46/SC 170 traffic circle and the New River bridge.

The investigation into this incident revealed that a red Nissan Titan pickup truck driven by Charles William Manker (DOB 11/7/1964) of 821 Bakers Court, Bluffton, SC, ran off the right side of the road as it was traveling toward the New River bridge. The truck sideswiped a guardrail prior to hitting numerous trees and rolled over numerous times before coming to a stop.

Charles Manker was the only occupant of the vehicle. He suffered severe injuries and was flown by helicopter to Savannah Memorial Hospital. His condition is critical but stable.

Okatie Hwy was closed for approximately an hour and a half while the collision was investigated. The investigation is ongoing.